

November 15, 2007

Community Development Block Grant  
First Public Hearing

Public hearing began at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Randy Ripplinger, Pete Schaus, Wendell Roundy,  
Councilmembers; Judi Davis, Clerk; Public: Don Montoya, Tim Clarke.

The mayor announced that this hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant money must be spent on projects benefitting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Five-County Association of Governments Region in which Boulder is a member is expecting to receive approximately \$800,000  $\pm$  in this new program year.

All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Guide, and interested persons can review it at any time. Eligible activities listed there include construction of public works and facilities, such as water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property and provision of public services, such as food banks or homeless shelters. Also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low income persons and the program can also pay for housing rehabilitation for low income homeowners or for persons owning rental housing for lower income persons.

In the past, Boulder received a CDBG grant to build the firehouse. Boulder has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan." This list shows which projects the town has identified as being needed in the community.

The mayor asked that anyone who has any questions, comments or suggestions please identify himself by name before he speaks. The clerk will include your names in the minutes and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing

Don Montoya asked if the Council has identified any programs for which they might apply for funding. The mayor responded that a new fire truck is top priority on our list of needed capital improvements. Boulder has been identified as having highest priority for public safety needs. The second highest priority on our list of capital improvements is a remodeling of this building.

Tim Clarke asked if this grant requires a match. One is not required; however, there is a stipulation that any equipment purchased must be new.

The mayor opened the meeting to further suggestions from the audience, but there were none. He then announced that the town has received an anonymous donation of \$20,000 for use on the Town Hall.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Town Council meeting began at 7:25 p.m. Tim Clarke was not present for the meeting.

Pledge of allegiance

Pete made a motion that we pursue obtaining a new fire truck through a Community Development Block Grant. Wendell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The County forwarded to us the results of the November 6 election. Pete made a motion we certify the election summary report results as presented. Randy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Draft letters to SITLA and Mike Empey were presented. The mayor reviewed some previous correspondence with Kevin Carter. A few changes were identified and made. The letters will be sent.

Randy made a motion we adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation. Pete seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken:

Wendell Roundy	Aye
Pete Schaus	Aye
Randy Ripplinger	Aye
Bill Muse	Aye
Gladys LeFevre	was absent

Open meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:48 p.m.

Wendell made a motion open meeting resume. Pete seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Wendell Roundy	Aye
Pete Schaus	Aye
Randy Ripplinger	Aye

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Bill Muse                      Aye  
Gladys LeFevre was absent

Open meeting resumed at 7:58 p.m.

Randy made a motion the meeting adjourn. Wendell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk

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Approved by Bill Muse, Mayor